Recommendation of KAW Committee

3179. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the KAW Committee favoured the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation as the sole apex body for safety and economic revolution of the aviation sector;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the suggestions of the KAW Committee are in conflict with the plan of the Ministry; and

(d) if so, what are the areas of difference and the manner in which Government propose to sort out the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is of the opinion that Directorate General of Civil Aviation's existing role and focus on safety regulation in the aviation sector needs to be preserved and strengthened in the best interests of the civil aviation sector. Government is not in favour of vesting Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) with the added responsibility of economic regulation as this is not connected in any way to the safety fucntions of DGCA.

(c) and (d) Other recommendations of KAW Committee are under examination of the Government.

Delay in evening flights

3180. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the routine delays of all Indian Airlines flight which take off after 4 p.m. every day;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines management is unable to cope with the delays which build up after every flight;

(c) whether it is also a fact that every Indian Airlines flight from Delhi to Hyderabad in the evening has been late by a minimum of two hours every day in the last three months;